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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
AND FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 CFR § 1.53(b))**



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application  
☐ a Continuation    ☐ a Divisional    ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)    Application of prior application no.: \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.  
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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Entitled: **LONGITUDINALLY ACTIVATED COMPRESSION SEALING DEVICE FOR ELONGATE MEMBERS AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME**

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 15 pages of Specification (including 30 claims)
3. ☒ 6 sheets of Informal Drawings (35 USC 113)

4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
- ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
  - ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and   8   references cited
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (***Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.***)
12. ☐ English Translation Document
13. ☒ Certified Copies of Great British Application Nos. 0227985.9 Filed November 30, 2002; and 0323267.5, Filed October 4, 2003.
14. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
- ☐ computer readable copy
  - ☐ paper copy
  - ☐ statement in support
15. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
17. ☐ **Deletion of Inventor(s)** (*Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application. See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).*)
18. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form.
19. ☒ Other: Application filed under 1.41(c)

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- ☐ Additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
  - ☐ Additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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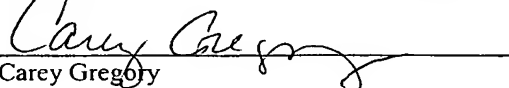
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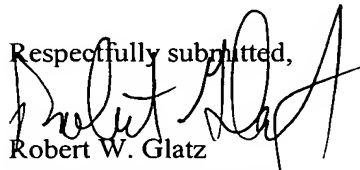
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APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.41(c)

Sir:

The above-identified application is being filed on behalf of the inventors, Valere Buekers, a citizen of Belgium, residing at Oude Schansstraat 26, 3545 Zelem-Halen, Belgium; Jos Brants, a citizen of Belgium, residing at Kloosterstraat 9C, B-3360 Korbeek-Lo, Belgium; Roger Alaerts, a citizen of Belgium, residing at Speelhovenstraat 6, B-3200 Aarschot, Belgium; Fons Vranckx, a citizen of Belgium, residing at Perklaan 5, B-3390 Teilt-Winge, Belgium; Randy Wilkinson, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 76 Lester Street, Angier, North Carolina, 27601; James A. Croce, a citizen of the United States of America; residing at 2339 Clayhold Road, Coats, North Carolina, 27521; Chien-An Chen, a citizen of Taiwan, residing at 2710 Park Summit Blvd., Apex, North Carolina, 27523; and David J. Hardie, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at Oak House, Mersham, Kent, TN25 7HN, United Kingdom; under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c). A Declaration and Power of Attorney from the inventors will follow, 37 CFR 1.63.

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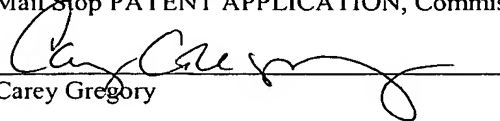
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